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TRADEMARK OFFICE**

***AMENDMENT***

Applicant:	McClain	Docket No.:	ROWL-9955
Serial No.:	09/578,001	Group Art Unit:	1755
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TITLE:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING AN AQUEOUS PAINT COMPOSITION FROM A PLURALITY OF PREMIXED COMPOSITIONS		

**REQUEST BY APPLICANT FOR INTERFERENCE PURSUANT  
TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.604 & § 1.607  
AND AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This paper serves three purposes, namely: (1) to serve as a request for continued examination; (2) to amend the claims pending in the application; and (3) to request an Interference by Applicant pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.604 and § 1.607. This paper is being filed in response to Applicants' becoming aware of interfering claims in an issued patent and in a pending application as set forth below. This amendment is accompanied by a petition to

withdraw the application from issue, and a request for continued examination for the same purpose. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment prior to further examination.

Applicants also request that the application be forwarded to the **Office of Petitions** to promptly begin the interference proceedings. An associate power of attorney making additional individuals of record is also included.

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### **I. NOTICE OF PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE**

A separate paper filed herewith includes a petition to withdraw from issue pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114 (c). The required fee of \$130.00 is included with this petition and amendment.

### **II. REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 § CFR 1.114**

Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above referenced application under 37 CFR 1.114 (c) for the purpose of provoking an interference. The required fee of \$385.00 for the RCE and an additional fee of \$2,618.00 for additional claims. These fees together with the petition fee of \$130.00 for the accompanying petition require the total payment of \$3,133.00 included herewith.

### **III. REQUEST FOR INTERFERENCE**

Applicants hereby request the Office to provoke an interference proceeding between the above referenced application, U.S. patent No. 6,531,537 to Friel et al., and U.S. patent application publication No. 2002/0016405 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.607. Priority dates and other pertinent information are provided in the remarks section below.